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FOLLOWING TEL SENT ACTION TEL AVIV, SECSTATE FROM CAIRO

FEB 26:

QUOTE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE CAIRO 923

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CASC EG US

SUBJ: AMCIT TOURISTS IN EGYPTIAN HANDS NEAR ISMALIA

DEPT PASS TO SEC'S PARTY

REF: USDAO TEL AVIV 261330Z FEB 74 AND TEL AVIV 1121

1. ALTHOUGH FOREP(MINISTRY CLAIMED, I GOT IN TOUCH WITH OMAR SIRRI AT HIS HOME IMMEDIATELY AFTER RECEIPT REFERENCED MESSAGES TO TELL HIM ABOUT STRAYED BUS AND AMERICAN TOURIST PASSENGERS. I STRESSED BUS HAD PASSED INADVERTENTLY TO EGYPTIAN SIDE OF DISENGAGEMENT LINE AND EXPRESSED STRONG HOPE EGYPTIANS WILL RETURN BUS AND PASSENGERS TO ISRAELI LINES WITHOUT DELAY.

2. SIRRI HAD NOT HEARD OF INCIDENT. HE WANTED TO KNOW WHAT THE BUS WAS DOING THAT CLOSE

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TO THE LINE, ON WHICH

POINT I COULD NOT OF COURSE ENLIGHTEN HIM. I SAID
INCIDENT WAS UNFORTUNATE, BUT I HAD NO REASON TO BELIEVE
THAT ISRAELI AUTHORITIES IN ANY WAY RESPONSIBLE.

3. SIRRI UNDERTOOK TO CONTACT FAHMY AND MINISTRY OF WAR
AUTHORITIES IMMEDIATELY TO SEE WHAT CAN BE DONE. HE
AGREED WITH MY COMMENT THAT IT IS IN ALL OF OUR INTERESTS
RESOLVE THIS INCIDENT EXPEDITIOUSLY.
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